AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 10, 14, 17 and 20, as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method for evaluating document security features ~~designed to~~ that provide a level of security in a security document, and rating the security level of said security document, comprising:

processing data relating to selected security features of said document using a computer, said security features each having associated compatibility and relative rating information;

determining compatibility issues using the computer among said selected security features of said document;

revising said selected security features of said document using said computer to resolve any compatibility issues;

evaluating said relative rating information of said selected security features using said computer to determine a document security rating of said document; and

presenting said document security rating of said document on a display of said computer.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising presenting security features on a display of the computer for selection.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said security features are presented categorized by purpose.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising providing a selectable link for at least one said security feature, which when selected presents information which describes the associated security feature and explains strengths and weaknesses of the associated security feature.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising recommending said security features based on security document type and desired security level.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 5, further comprising providing a link for at least one of said security document type, which when selected presents an example of the associated security document type.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said example includes recommended security features and providing associated links which when selected explain each associated security feature.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising requesting document design information to help assess compatibility issues.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said document design information includes use of security document, type of document paper, storage requirements, printer type, threat environment assessment, type of document tracking, type of document authentication, and type of document shipping.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein certain said security features are made unselectable by said computer based upon ~~received~~ said document design information.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said document security rating includes a rating of how well said selected security features will protect the security document against different forms of attack and relative ease of authentication of the security document.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said different forms of attack include tampering, copying, counterfeiting, and accessing, and said rating is provided for each attack type.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said authentication includes overt, covert, and mechanical, and said rating is provided for each authentication type.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein <u>revising said selected security features of said document using said computer to resolve any compatibility issues comprises the steps of</u> ~~resolving said compatibility issue involves~~ providing a warning <u>with said computer</u>, and suggesting at least two possible solutions <u>with said computer</u> for resolving said compatibility issue.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising viewing a relative cost assessment for selected features.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising presenting a link to common questions and concerns.

17. (Currently amended)The method of claim 1, wherein said data relating to said selected security features is obtained from a database <u>by said computer</u>.

18. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising providing a protection disclaimer if said rating for at least one said attack type is deficient, and providing security feature suggestions that will provide the security document with adequate protection and performance in the specified attack type area.

19. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising providing a protection disclaimer if said rating for at least one said authentication type is deficient, and providing security feature suggestions that will provide the security document with adequate protection and performance in the specified authentication type area.

20. (Currently amended) A non-transitory computer-readable medium capable of instructing a with an executable program thereon, wherein the program instructs a processor of a computer system to perform evaluation of document security features designed to that provide a level of security in a security document, and rating the security level of said security document, the evaluation being carried out by the steps of:

processing data relating to selected security features of said document, said security features each having associated compatibility and relative rating information;

determining compatibility issues among said selected security features of said document; and

revising said selected security features of said document to resolve any compatibility issues;

evaluating said relative rating information of said selected security features to determine a document security rating of said document; and

presenting said document security rating of said document.

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